

Arrest warrants issued under Delhi Police Act

1901. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Delhi Police Act a lot of warrants have been served but the persons concerned have not been arrested yet; and

(b) if so, the number of such warrants issued and the names of the persons who have escaped from being arrested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Law and order situation in disturbed States

1902. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed law and order situation in disturbed States/areas affected by terrorists, insurgents and naxalites;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/area-wise;

(c) what has been the impact of the steps taken so far to check anti-social activities;

(d) the details of fresh initiatives taken/proposed to check the menace and normalise law and order in the affected areas; and

(e) the details of action taken/proposed on recommendations of Padmanabhaiah Committee Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. However, having regard to various dimensions of terrorism, insurgency and Left Wing Extremism, the review exercise is undertaken as a continuous process to evolve better coordination between the Centre and the States. The main areas of concern relate to Pak-sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, militant/insurgent activities in the North-East and Left Extremist violence in some of the States. The Centre as well as the State Governments keep initiating various remedial measures from time to time and there has been visible impact in some areas as a result of such moves. While multi-pronged approach is being followed to tackle the problems in Jammu & Kashmir and North-East, the institution of a high level Co-ordination Centre is constantly monitoring ways and means to overcome the menace of Left Wing extremism. Committee on Police Reforms, which was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabhaiah is yet to submit its report.

Review of anti-dowry laws

1903. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the mounting number of dowry deaths which has risen by over ten times over the last 15 years;

(b) whether the National Commission for Women (NCW) has initiated a review of the anti-dowry laws;

(c) if so, whether the Commission is examining that the giving of dowry be treated as an offence and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are going to amend the existing anti-dowry laws;

(e) if so, salient features thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME